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CYPERUS SCHWEINITZII **SCHWEINITZ' FLATSEDGE**

Schweinitz' Flatsedge is a grass-like perennial with stems that are 10-40 cm high, arising from short, irregularly swollen rhizomes. The leaves are 1-4 mm wide and located mostly near the base of the stem. The inflorescence is subtended by 3-6 long, leaf-like bracts, some of which are wider than the leaves. The inflorescence is made up of ascending clusters of flattened spikelets that are 5-25 mm long and borne on stalks that are very short to long. The flowers are crowded opposite each other and consist only of a small, pointed scale, that is ca. 3-4 mm long and subtends 3 stamens and an ovary. The seed is triangular in cross-section. Fruit mature in late June-July.

This is our only perennial CYPERUS and is the only one occurring in upland habitat.